

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

FINDING A SOLUTION TO TODAY'S TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Frederick County, MD



Entrance to TransIT offices in Frederick, MD

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:

In 2015, the State Highway Administration, with financial support from Frederick County, the City of Frederick, and developers, will be reconstructing Ballenger Creek Pike, from Crestwood Boulevard to north of Solarex Court, increasing capacity, and adding bike lanes and a Class I shared-use trail. This same team, along with the Federal Highway Administration, continues to work to decide how best to proceed with planning for comprehensive MD 180/MD 351 improvements between Corporate Drive and Greenfield Drive.

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BECOME A TRANSPORTATION ADVOCATE IN FREDERICK COUNTY!

Established in 1987, the Transportation Services Advisory Council (TSAC) provides direct advice, assistance and support to TransIT Services of Frederick County and County Commissioners on regional transportation issues. TSAC is comprised of three community agency representatives, three private business sector representatives, five at-large members and ex-officio members. All meetings are open to the public.

The mission of the TSAC is to identify transportation trends and issues, to increase public awareness of transportation alternatives and to influence public policy by advising Frederick County elected officials and decision-makers on the development of a comprehensive and coordinated regional transportation network.

The general goals of TSAC are to *increase public awareness* of TransIT Services and specific transit-related projects among the general public and in the media, to *educate* public officials regarding the viability and desirability of transit as one element of a multi-modal solution to Frederick County's transportation needs and to *be a primary resource* for public officials and transit customers.

TSAC was instrumental in creating the widely used transit-friendly design guidelines, the re-design of the downtown MARC station and advises MTA during the Transportation Development Plan which occurs every five years. TSAC is relevant to the public, City and County Officials, Businesses and Advocacy Groups. Become an advocate by attending bi-monthly meetings.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

TSAC MEETINGS

Bi-Monthly at 8:00am | held at TransIT Offices
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Raised Crosswalk example in Denver, CO

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS:

Short Term- Waverly, McCain and Willowdale Restriping to include bicycle lanes; Key Parkway Study and restriping (recommended as alternate bicycle route to Route 40)

Mid-Term: Raised crosswalks; Driveway Consolidation Study

Long-Term: Expanded Right Turn Lanes; Golden Mile Alliance Initiative

Other:

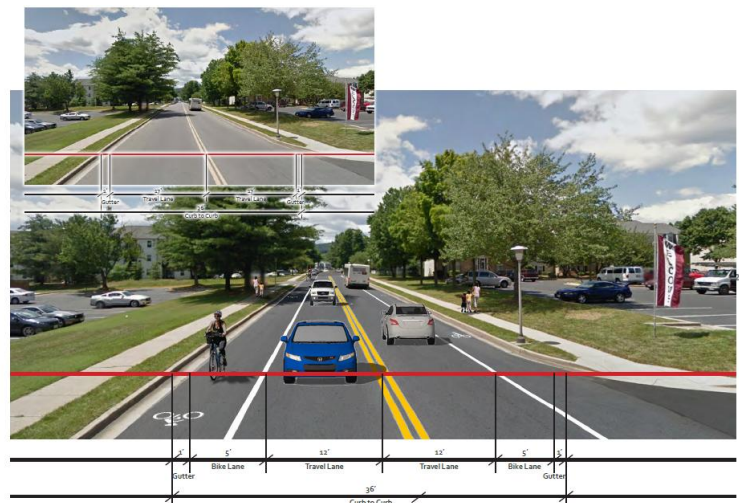
- Bus stops on far side of major intersections
- Consolidation of bus stops in study area
- Improve 16 (of 22) bus stops with passenger benches
- Improve 6 (of 22) bus stops with passenger benches and shelters

GOLDEN MILE MULTI-MODAL ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PLAN

The City of Frederick, with guidance and support from TransIT, presented the Golden Mile Multimodal Access Enhancement Plan. Funding was awarded from the Transportation Land Use Connections Program, a program of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, to create a US Route 40 Enhancement plan. This plan includes increased mobility and transit options throughout the Golden Mile for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. Kittleson & Associates and RJM Engineering prepared the information.

The recommendations presented in the plan support the City of Frederick's Golden Mile Small Area Plan (SMA) which was created in recognition of the citizen's request for a more multimodal environment.

The plan provides detailed information on the location of each suggested project, the responsible party, funding sources and time frames. TSAC members were briefed on the priority of projects, estimated timeframes and the inclusion of projects on the upcoming Transportation Development Plan, TransIT's five year strategic plan required by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA).



Multi-modal access example

NEXT STEPS: GOLDEN MILE ENHANCEMENT PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION; FY16 TLC APPLICATION WILL INCLUDE DESIGN FUNDING FOR ONE OF THE SHORT TERM PROJECTS

“TransIT is poised on the brink of a new era.” – Nancy Norris, TransIT Director



TPB'S COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN: TAXI VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) plan is an effort to address the needs of seniors and those with disabilities. The Maryland Transit Administration has a similar plan.

When requesting money from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), the applicant must show that the service, in some way, will touch the metropolitan D.C. urban area. When requesting funding through MTA, the funding for Frederick County is not limited to the metro DC region.

The proposed Taxi Voucher Program (TVP) for TransIT was approved with MTA funding. Next steps will be securing a vendor to start and manage the program.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

NOTES

- 2,000 individuals per square mile and greater is considered a good indicator for providing transit Connector service.
- 85% of the community survey respondents stated they were aware of TransIT and 75% were aware of TransIT-plus, a demand response service for seniors and persons with disabilities.



The Transportation Development plan is a five year plan mandated by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) for all locally operated systems in Maryland. KFH Group has been drafting the plan since early 2014 with TransIT and presented Technical Memos 1 and 2 at the latest TSAC meeting.

Technical Memo 1 is a Review of Existing Services which includes:

- Previous Plans and Studies
- Service Overview
- Route by Route Profile (productivity data)
- System Performance as compared to MTA standards
- Stop by Stop Analysis
- Funding of Services

Technical Memo 2 is a Review of Needs which includes:

- Transit Dependent Populations
- Title VI Analysis
- Land Use Analysis
- Public and Stakeholder Input
- Trip Generators

Summary of Needs:

- Implement Sunday Service
- Reduce Travel Times and Increase Frequency
- Explore Expanding Hours especially for TransIT-plus
- Address capacity issues on TransIT-plus
- Expand opportunities for employment transportation
- Expand transportation to areas outside Downtown Frederick
- Work with Drivers/Dispatch to improve Deviation Policies/Procedures

The full report will be available on TransIT's website upon completion which is anticipated for Fall 2014.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS PROVIDE TRANSIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO MORE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY REQUEST FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT AND IMPROVE NEW AND EXISTING SERVICES

TransIT provided nearly 840,000 trips and over 84,000 hours of service in Fiscal Year 2014.

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TransIT Services of Frederick County is Frederick County's public transportation system providing local and commuter bus service and demand response paratransit services as well as offering commuter assistance and employer outreach information.

*TSAC- Transportation Services Advisory Council
MWCOC- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
SHA- State Highway Administration
TPB- Transportation Planning Board
MTA- Maryland Transit Administration*



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“By providing transportation to employment, education, training, shopping and other services, TransIT is both improving and serving Frederick County's growing economy.”

- Ric Adams, Former President & CEO, Frederick County Chamber of Commerce